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In re application of

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Application Branch

Filed herewith

METHOD OF MODULATING
METABOLITE BIOSYNTHESIS
IN RECOMBINANT CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-28.

Add the following new claims:

A' --29. (new) Method of modulating in a cell the level(s) of one or more metabolites, and/or of modulating the expression of one or more genes involved in the biosynthesis of a metabolite or a precursor therefor, said method comprising providing to the cell an AP2-domain transcription factor that is involved in the response of a plant cell to a jasmonate, or a variant of the AP2-domain transcription factor comprising at least one AP2-domain having an amino acid